Appl. No. 10/030,268 Response dated October 28, 2004 Reply to Office Action of October 7, 2004

## REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction between the following groups:

Group I - claims 16-22, 28 and 30, drawn to a composite material.

Group II - claims 23-24, drawn to a process for production of a composite material.

Group III - claims 25-27 and 29, drawn to a method of use of the composite material of claim 16.

In response to the foregoing restriction, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I. This election is made Applicants reserve the right to seek without prejudice. patent protection for the non-elected embodiments in subsequent divisional applications.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks above, Applicants ask for reconsideration of this restriction and design embodiments for Should any fees be due election. consideration of this Response that have not been accounted for, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

Respectfully submitted,

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